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Major Activities During the Past Week:

I. Support to OL:

FARS (Federal Automated Requisitioning System).

On 19 December 1988, the IDMS/R FARS system began Initial Operating Capability (IOC) with the Interdepartmental Support Branch (IDSB) running parallel processing in the Data General and IDMS/R systems. The IDMS/R system is running parallel for internal Agency functions. All external functions, including communications with DATEX and printing of Forms 2216 for external distribution, are being performed solely by the Data General system. Production ICS data is being received by FARS from ICS, however, ICS updates from FARS are being sent to the ICS offline data base MRS1. [REDACTED]

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The project team met twice with Mr. Sam Marcum of New Year Tech. At the first meeting, Mr. Marcum submitted an updated proposal for providing barcode hardware. [REDACTED] will evaluate this proposal as soon as possible and reply to Mr. Marcum accordingly. In addition, the project team gave Mr. Marcum a requirements document to help New Year Tech prepare a proposal for supplying application software. Also, New Year Tech is one of two vendors that is providing an estimate for hardware installation; the other is Fibercom.

The second meeting was held at a State Department office where QBIC III, an inventory software package, was demonstrated on a LAN. Mr. Marcum claims that when integrated with barcode technology, this package will meet our needs for tracking materiel [REDACTED]. The project team will continue its evaluation of this package with regard to our requirements. [REDACTED]

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